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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN. : ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH
(Based on PCT/JP00/01490)

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FOR: STIRRED TANK FOR STORING
YEAST SLURRY, METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING FERMENTED
FOODS SUCH AS BEER USING
THE STIRRED TANK, AND STIRRING
IMPELLER PROVIDED IN THE
STIRRED TANK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

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3. (Amended) A stirred tank according to claim 1, wherein the height of the rotation body defined by the rotation of the stirring impeller is 90-120% of the standard depth of the yeast slurry.